Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Currently Amended) A system for managing ink information in a computer system having a pen-based input tablet, the system comprising:
        a pen driver coupled to the pen-based input/display tablet and configured to collect and organize the ink information entered at the pen-based input tablet into ink strokes;
        an ink memory area organized into one or more ink phrase data structures; and
        an ink manager coupled to the pen driver for receiving the ink strokes, the ink manager having an ink phrase termination engine configured to examine the ink information collected by the pen driver and, upon detecting the occurrence of an ink phrase termination event, to identify a respective end of an ink phrase to the ink manager;
        whereby the ink information entered at the pen-based input tablet is associated with a client application; and
        the ink manager stores the ink strokes received prior to the ink phrase termination event in a selected ink phrase data structure and, in response to receiving from the client application a reference context affiliated with the un-recognized ink strokes of the ink phrase, associates the reference context with the ink strokes,
        The system of claim 1 wherein where the ink manager associates the reference context with the un-recognized ink strokes by appending the reference context to the selected ink phrase data structure.

5-19. (Cancelled)

20.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing ink information in a computer system having a pen-based input tablet that may include an integrated display for generating ink information as a pen is moved across the tablet, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the ink information generated by the input tablet; organizing the ink information into corresponding ink strokes;

organizing the ink strokes into one or more ink phrases as defined by one or more ink phrase termination events including:

examining the ink information to determine whether an ink phrase termination event has occurred, and

in response to the occurrence of an ink phrase termination event, segregating the ink strokes received prior to the termination event in a designated ink phrase data structure; and

in response to receiving a reference context from a client application affiliated with the un-recognized ink strokes of the ink phrase, associating the reference context with the ink strokes, ~~The method of claim 17~~

wherein the reference context is associated with the respective ink phrase by appending the reference context to the designated ink phrase data structure.

21-30. (Cancelled)

31.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing executable program

instructions for organizing ink information that is generated by a pen-based input tablet as a pen

moves across the tablet and is associated with a client application, the executable program

instructions comprising program instructions for:

          receiving the ink information generated by the input tablet;

          organizing the ink information into corresponding ink strokes;

          examining the ink information to determine whether an ink phrase termination event has

occurred;

          in response to the occurrence of an ink phrase termination event, segregating the ink

strokes received prior to the termination event in a designated ink phrase data structure; and

          in response to receiving a reference context from the client application affiliated with the

un-recognized ink strokes of the ink phrase, associating the reference context with the ink

strokes,

          ~~The computer readable medium of claim 27~~ wherein the reference context is associated

with the ink strokes by appending the reference context to the designated ink phrase data

structure.

32-47. (Cancelled)